



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20463

February 23, 2022

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY**

Michael A. Hepburn, Treasurer  
Hepburn for Congress  
P.O. Box 420935  
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RE: MUR 7592

Dear Mr. Hepburn:

On April 11, 2019, the Federal Election Commission notified you of a complaint alleging violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was forwarded to you at that time. Upon further review of the allegations contained in the complaint and information supplied by you, the Commission, on January 27, 2022, voted to dismiss the allegation that you violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(5) and (b)(6) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b)(3) and (b)(4) by failing to include sufficient descriptions showing the purposes for, and misreporting the payee of, disbursements to Brand New Congress, LLC. The Commission was equally divided on whether to take no action at this time, and whether to dismiss pursuant to *Heckler v. Chaney*, the allegations that you violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(f) by knowingly accepting excessive in-kind contributions from Justice Democrats PAC, Brand New Congress, Brand New Congress, LLC, or Saikat Chakrabarti. Accordingly, on February 15, 2022, the Commission closed its file in the matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Disclosure of Certain Documents in Enforcement and Other Matters, 81 Fed. Reg. 50,702 (Aug. 2, 2016). A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission's decision will follow.

If you have any questions, please contact Thaddeus H. Ewald, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650 or [tewald@fec.gov](mailto:tewald@fec.gov).

Sincerely,

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